

### MASI loses

The Malawi All Share Index (MASI) lost by 1.10% to close the week at 25009.79 points due to a share price loss in TNM which offset share price increases in MPICO, NITL and SUNBIRD. Total value traded increased by 615.33% to K1,545.39m from K216.04m recorded the previous week. A total of 28,701,017 shares were traded during the week compared to 5,867,546 shares transacted the previous week. Year to date return on the MASI stands at 15.80% (2017: 9.44%). There was no trade on the listed government securities during the week (Source: MSE).

### Corporate news

#### 2017 FY Results for listed companies and unlisted banks

Company	Status	2017 PAT (K' b)	Movement	2016 PAT (K' b)
ECOBANK	Unlisted	3.86	↓ -9.39%	4.26
NFB	Unlisted	(1.84)	↑ 3%	(1.90)
NITL	Listed	2.22	↑ 307.48%	(1.07)
NBM	Listed	19.147	↑ 15%	16.61
STANDARD	Listed	12.16	↓ -37.42%	19.43
SUNBIRB	Listed	2.433	↑ 82%	1.34
TNM	Listed	13.11	↑ 60%	8.21

BHL released a notice for an AGM to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at Ryalls Hotel from 2:00PM. Special business to be tabled at the AGM is a proposal for the company to increase authorized share capital, issue bonus shares and share split (Source: MSE).

### Treasury Bills

The Malawi Government raised a total of K22.49b through Treasury Bill auctions during the week, compared to K17.58b raised the previous week. The average yield was steady at 14.50%. The auctions registered no rejection (Source: RBM). Looking forward, if inflation remains relatively low, yields on government securities could face a downward pressure as the authorities look for cheaper funds.

### Interbank market

Liquidity conditions tightened during the week, decreasing to a daily average of K9.58b from K15.66b the previous week. Consequently, the average overnight interbank rate increased to 14.10% from 13.92%. The daily average volume traded on the interbank market increased to K10.65b from K9.74b the previous week. Commercial banks accessed a total of K19.52b on the Lombard Facility during the week at a rate of 18.00%, compared to K33.47b during the previous week at the same rate. No mop up operations were conducted by RBM. (Source: RBM). We expect liquidity conditions to remain subdued in the near term as the RBM targets sustained low inflation levels.

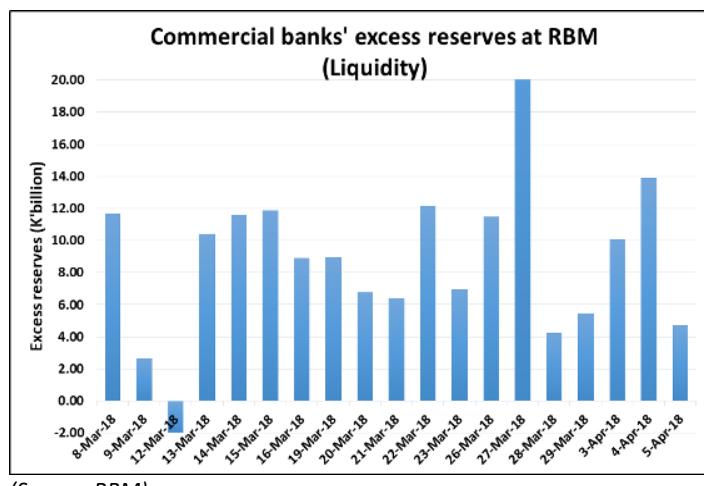
### Kwacha exchange rate movements

The Kwacha appreciated against the GBP, EUR and ZAR during the week but marginally depreciated against the USD. Gross official reserves slightly decreased to USD672.6m (3.22 months of imports) as at 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 from USD672.9m (3.22 months of imports) recorded on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (Source: RBM). We expect foreign exchange reserves to improve in the short to medium term as the agricultural marketing season commences.

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Stock market indices			
	6-Apr-18	% Δ	29-Mar-18
MASI	25009.79	↓ -1.10%	25286.79
DSI	17757.36	↓ -1.40%	18009.73
FSI	5197.43	⇒ 0.00%	5197.43
Market capitalisation (K' b)	12,730.57	↓ -0.10%	12,742.84
Deals	26	↓ -3.70%	27
Value of shares traded (K' m)	1,545.39	↑ 615.33%	216.04
Gainers	Current price (K)	% Δ	Previous price (K)
MPICO	19.70	↑ 7.65%	18.30
NITL	60.06	↑ 9.20%	55.00
SUNBIRB	125.00	↑ 13.58%	110.05
Losers	Current price (K)	% Δ	Previous price (K)
TNM	18.00	↓ -10.00%	20.00
Treasury Bill yields			
Tenor (days)	3 & 5 April 2018	% pts Δ	27 & 29 March 2018
91	14.00%	⇒ 0.00	14.00%
182	14.50%	⇒ 0.00	14.50%
364	15.00%	⇒ 0.00	15.00%
All-type	14.50%	⇒ 0.00	14.50%
Overall rejection rate	0.00%	⇒ 0.00	0.00%
Allotted (K' b)	22.49	↑ 27.88%	17.58
Expected maturities			
Week ending	6-Apr-18	13-Apr-18	20-Apr-18
TBs, PN's & TNs	6,955	8,772	10,877
OMO	27,874	11,257	27,793
Inflation			
Month	Feb-18	% pts Δ	Jan-18
Rate	7.80%	↓ -0.30	8.10%
RBM indicative exchange rates			
Currency	6-Apr-18	% Δ	29-Mar-18
USD	725.7456	↓ 0.01%	725.6909
GBP	1015.8987	↑ -0.57%	1021.7728
ZAR	60.4586	↑ -2.02%	61.7068
EUR	888.2400	↑ -0.73%	894.7769
Gross official foreign exchange reserve position			
	2-Apr-18	31-Mar-18	23-Mar-18
Reserves (USD'm)	672.6	672.9	666.3
Import cover (months)	3.22	3.22	3.19

(Sources: MSE, RBM, NSO)



(Source: RBM)